

monthly











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Howdy!! A week late but hey, I made it 2 months on time & that is a massive feat for Miss Francesca LOL. This month FLEW by. Between my trip to Scottsdale, bopping around the burgh to new restaurants & returning to my local watering holes that are sunny day favorites, the summer schedule is always poppin! Check out this past month's happenings & learn more about the places pictured in the newsletter by clicking on them!





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WHAT IS THE MONTHLY U.P.D.A.T.E.?

U- Useful Tip: Life hacks I've learned that have already come in handy

P- Playing: Shows or music that have been stuck on play

D- Dining: Restaurants, coffee shops, etc. I visited & loved

A- Activity: Something fun I did that maybe social media didn't see

T- Travel: Recap of where I have been/what I've been planning

E- Everyday Ritual: Something I've been adding to my daily routine

USEFUL TIP Ok so I'm letting you in on one of my best tips for going to a Pirates game so LISTEN UP. Buying tickets ahead of time? Nah. Wait til the week of & use the GameTime app. Tickets will be under \$20 for standing room only & let's be honest, you really don't NEED seats. There are so many communal seating areas from kid's play areas to the outfield bars where you can be close to food & beverages while still

having a great view of the game. Also be on the lookout for home game Wednesdays because those are



DOLLAR DOG NIGHTS meaning \$1 hot dogs co









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PLAYING I REFUSE to stand for any Taylor Swift slander because when it comes down to it, she is unbelievably talented. The Tortured Poets Department is truly a masterpiece of lyrics that describe everything Taylor was going through behind the scenes during her iconic Eras Tour. Am I a crazy Swiftie? No BUT this surprise DOUBLE album has been on repeat ever since it came out - like I mean several times a day repeat. Listening to this until further notice & vibing along like I had my heart broken alongside Taylor LOL.

DINING A dining experience worthwhile in Pittsburgh. I am constantly trying the newest restaurants in & around the city, but this experience was one that stood out to me. Fet-Fisk in Bloomfield (across from West Penn) was one of my favorite restaurant experiences I've had in the burgh.



Upscale but not pretentious & uniquely delicious are words that come to mind. As a spot serving Nordic cuisine, it can be intimidating for the average yinzer, but I'm here to tell you to take the chance to step out of your comfort

zone & try Fet-Fisk. The chef was a nominee for the James Beard Award in 2023 & it shows. Clam

linguine, oysters, roasted chicken, dirty martinis, the list goes on with excellent choices. To read more about my experience at Fet-Fisk, head to my New & Upcoming Restaurants in Pittsburgh article linked here!



ACTIVITY A moment for THE ARTS! I love a lil culture whether it's musical theatre, a symphony, etc. This month I visited the Byham Theater for a show by the Pittsburgh Opera. For only \$15, you get to see great shows with fabulous talent. Make a night of it & have dinner & drinks in the city! I already have my eyes on the CLO's Seussical show this summer....

TRAVEL I have OFFICIALLY visited 25/50 states! One of my bucket list items is to visit every state & after my trip to Arizona, I am halfway there. Dining at Christopher's at the Wrigley Mansion in Phoenix, hiking at Quartz Ridge, hitting Riot House night club in Old Town Scottsdale - everything was amazing. I went a day early because I wanted to explore the Phoenix food scene & it was fabulous. I had the best marg of my life at Chico Malo called the Mango Y Chile, UGH I miss it. April was the perfect time to go because it was high 80s - low 90s with dry heat so it was a VIBE. Full itinerary & article are on the way, but I'll leave you with some photos from our Scottsdale Bride Tribe photoshoot * May's trip is a bachelorette in CHARLESTON, SC!





EVERYDAY RITUAL Now that the weather is warming up, I am trying to spend some time outside each day. Whether it's working outside for an hour or two, taking a walk to grab lunch, or having dinner on our deck, I'm trying to enjoy the little things like the beautiful Pittsburgh weather (when it decides to show up ©). It is crazy how much being outside & feeling the sun is a mood-booster!